



# Human Trafficking in **AMERICA'S SCHOOLS**



## - Human Trafficking Webinar Series –

### Part 2: Engaging Families in Preventing and Addressing Human Trafficking

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*Wednesday, April 19, 2023 | 3:00 – 4:30 PM ET*  
*SPEAKER BIOS*

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#### Jane Anderson

Senior Attorney Advisor, AEquitas, CA



Ms. Jane Anderson brings her expertise in prosecuting human trafficking, domestic violence, stalking, and sexual violence to her role as a Senior Attorney Advisor with AEquitas. Prior to joining AEquitas, Ms. Anderson served as a prosecutor in Miami, Florida where she tried many of the state's first human trafficking cases. In her role as a founding member of Miami's Human Trafficking Unit, Ms. Anderson developed policies to better identify and provide necessary services to victims, while ensuring offender accountability through trauma-informed practices, including using digital evidence and creative charging decisions. As a Senior Attorney Advisor, Ms. Anderson develops and delivers training curricula and provides technical assistance to prosecutors, law enforcement and allied professionals. Ms. Anderson also participates in AEquitas' Just Exits Initiative, which is a survivor-driven project that prioritizes survivor voices in building human trafficking responses.

Ms. Anderson graduated cum laude from American University, Washington College of Law and is based in the San Francisco Bay Area.

## Amy Farrell

Director and Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice and a Co-Director of the Violence and Justice Research Lab at Northwestern University



Dr. Amy Farrell is Director and Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice and a Co-Director of the Violence and Justice Research Lab at Northwestern University.

Professor Farrell's research is aimed at understanding and describing how the criminal justice system administers justice. Over the past decade she has focused much of her scholarly attention on understanding how the criminal justice system responds to the newly prioritized crimes such as human trafficking. Although not a new phenomenon, human trafficking was criminalized by the federal government in 2000. Since that time, all fifty states have passed laws outlawing the practice of human trafficking and devoting resources to its identification and eradication. In support of this research, she has studied and published research about how local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies identify, investigate, and prosecute human trafficking cases.

Additionally, she has completed research projects examining labor trafficking victimization of both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals residing in the U.S. She also has conducted numerous studies examining how changes in state and federal human trafficking laws impact the identification and prosecution of human trafficking offenders. As part of this body of work, Professor Farrell has sought to understand how the public views the problem of human trafficking and what responses they expect from state and federal governments to address the problem. She testified about police identification of human trafficking before the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee. She was also appointed to the Massachusetts Attorneys General Human Trafficking Policy Task Force and currently serves on the Governors Working Group on Human Trafficking in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In addition to studying criminal justice system responses to human trafficking victimization, Professor Farrell has examined how variable levels of racial group and gender representation among court workgroups relate differences in charging, adjudication, and sentencing

## Hazel Fasthorse

Human Trafficking Specialist and Victims Liaison, Polaris



Ms. Hazel Fasthorse is an internationally respected human trafficking specialist and victims liaison. She specializes in crimes against Indigenous people, human trafficking and cult abuse, and provides expert training in these areas. She also facilitates basic awareness trainings and consultations with businesses on how to best approach employing and supporting trauma survivors. Ms. Fasthorse herself is a survivor of human trafficking and has been free from exploitation since 2010. She has served in many capacities in the field since 2012, with a fierce harm reduction approach. Hazel has worked as a research team member for Polaris' National Survivor Study since 2021 and has contributed to design, interviewing, and sense-making and sharing results, as well as providing peer support and advocating for trauma-informed research practices. Ms. Fasthorse is a mother, wife, and the master brewer behind Fasthorse Creations, a self-care initiative.

## Erin Marsh

Research and Policy Manager, Polaris



Ms. Erin Marsh is a Research and Policy Manager at Polaris Project, a leading national human trafficking organization. Ms. Marsh's focus is on taking the data from Polaris's operation of the U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline and more recently data from the National Survivor Study and translating this into actions geared towards changing policy and practice. She authored Polaris's 2019 report on [criminal record relief for trafficking survivors](#) and is currently working on the updated report. Due to Ms. Marsh's background in studying and researching the criminal justice system, she is passionate about working at the intersection of the criminal justice system and trafficking victimization to provide better outcomes and experiences for survivors.

## Sirica McIntosh

Staff Attorney, The Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Practice, NY



Ms. Sirica McIntosh is a staff attorney in the Juvenile Rights Practice of the Legal Aid Society, where she represents youth ages 0 through 21 years old, who appear before Family Court on child welfare, juvenile delinquency and PINS (persons in need of supervision) matters in the Bronx County Family Court. Ms. McIntosh graduated with a B.A. from Spelman College and received her J.D. from Howard University School of Law. She also presently serves as Director of Operations and Legal Education for the National Executive Council (NEC) at Columbia University, in which she co-manages more than a dozen initiatives.

While attending Spelman, Ms. McIntosh served as a member of the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity, Morehouse-Spelman Pre-Law Society and the National Political Science Honor Society. Prior to attending law school, Ms. McIntosh was a Paralegal Specialist for the Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Competition; where she worked on various pharmaceutical pay for delay cases. While attending Howard University, she was awarded the Family Law Certificate for her dedication to the study of family law issues as well as her organization of community-based activities in the greater metro D.C. area. She was also awarded the Pro Bono Scholar distinction for her commitment to serving underserved communities. Ms. McIntosh served as the Community Service Co-Chair for the Family Certificate Program where she coordinated community service initiatives, partnering with various organizations in the D.C. area. She also served as the Pro Bono Chair for the Howard Public Interest Law Society. Ms. McIntosh was a Research Assistant for the Introduction to Family Law Course. She was also a recipient of the Howard Public Interest Law Society Fellowship Fund to support her previous internship with the Juvenile Rights Practice as a law student and a Merit Scholarship recipient. She is an active member of the New York State Bar Association and the New Jersey Chapter of Spelman Alumnae.

## Elizabeth Quiroz

Co-Founder, Redemption House of the Bay Area, Person with Lived Experience, CA



Ms. Elizabeth Quiroz is an author and a student at Arizona State University, where she is working towards a master's degree in social justice and human rights. Her goal is to become a Human Rights Activist where she can help make a positive impact on the lives of those transitioning through the justice system. As Ms. Quiroz pursues this goal, she also serves as a Social Worker who assists adults and children through the Child Welfare System at Dependency Legal Services in Santa Rosa, California, and she serves as a human trafficking victim advocate.

Ms. Quiroz's passion for helping victims of human sex trafficking has led her to start a nonprofit organization that will open a safe house for human trafficking victims here in Sonoma County called Redemption House of The Bay Area. Ms. Quiroz does all of this while working with her husband, José "Mico" Quiroz to raise their children, and working to raise awareness about human trafficking and its long-term impact on the lives of girls and women in communities across the country.

After completing the Women's Recovery Services program and receiving a certificate, Elizabeth enrolled at Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC), where she graduated with honors, earning three

Associate of Arts degrees in Social Advocacy, Behavioral Science, and Human Services.

Elizabeth's service to the community began upon her enrollment at SRJC, volunteering for the Bear Cub Scholar Program for foster youth. She soon became President of the Second Chance Club, an onsite support program for formerly incarcerated students.

## Kaitlyn Zedalis

Project Coordinator, Covenant House Action & Research Tank (CHART), Covenant House, NJ



Ms. Kaitlyn Zedalis is the Project Coordinator for the Covenant House Action & Research Tank (CHART) at Covenant House New Jersey. CHART conducts research, develops evidence-based strategies, and seeks solutions for complex problems such as homelessness and human trafficking. Ms. Zedalis works on agency initiatives related to research, program evaluation and strategic planning, data analysis, and advocacy.

Working for Covenant House New Jersey since 2017, Ms. Zedalis previously provided mental health services and human trafficking assessments to CHNJ's youth. She is a consultant for the National Human Trafficking Training & Technical Assistance Center and has assisted organizations across North America on the topics of human trafficking screening and assessment, trauma informed care, and best practices for serving victims of human trafficking. Additionally, she has co-authored published research on the topic of labor trafficking by forced criminality. Ms. Zedalis has worked in the social services field since 2011 in a variety of settings including a corrections facility, school-based counseling program, and addictions treatment centers.

Ms. Zedalis has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a master's degree in social work from Stockton University. She is a Licensed Social Worker and Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor in the State of New Jersey. She also received certification as a Trauma Competent Professional from Lakeside Global Institute and is trained in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing.